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Subject: First POLREP
LaBour Pump Site
1607 Sterling Ave, Elkhart, IN

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	B5CM
Reporting Period:	10/11-10/19/06	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	10/16/2006	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	10/11/2006	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Completion Date:		NPL Status:	
CERCLIS ID #:	INN000510153	Incident Category:	Removal Action
RCRIS ID #:		Contract #	

Site Description

The former LaBour Pump Site (INN000510153) is located at 1607 Sterling Ave in Elkhart, Indiana, at 41°40' North and -85° 57' West. LaBour Pump began operating at the site in 1929 when it expanded operations from Michigan City, Indiana , to Elkhart, Indiana.

LaBour Pump continued operations at the Elkhart site until 1994 when LaBour Pump was sold to Peerless Pump Company. Peerless Pump Company discontinued operations at the Elkhart site in the fall of 1994. The status of the property from the fall of 1994 until 2000 is unknown. KL Distributing, Ltd., (a Florida Corporation) deeded 24 parcels to the Elkhart Machine Group, Inc., in June of 2000. An additional six parcels were deeded from M. Mathias to the Elkhart Machine Group in April 2003. The Elkhart Machine Group, Inc., was administratively dissolved in June 2005. The site is located in a mixture of commercial, industrial manufacturing, and residential with residential areas immediately to the east and west. An elementary school is reportedly located a few blocks away.

IDEM responded to a small spill at the site in September 2005. During this visit, it was noted that two large primary buildings and a couple of small storage structures existed at the site. Thirty-one drums of various materials, approximately 100 pails/buckets, and several

shallow trenches filled with oil were observed. A large, open cistern was noted and county records indicate that two underground storage tanks (UST) exist, but the locations are unknown. It was also noted that most asbestos has been removed or replaced but two areas may have remaining asbestos-containing material (ACM).

The site assessment conducted found less than 100 drums, a couple of totes, and numerous small containers. Analytical results showed ignitability and toxicity for one drum that were sampled, high metals and reactive sulfide was found in several solid samples collected. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were also detected near an electric pole with a PCB-containing transformer. There is evidence of vandalism and trespassing by transients.

Current Activities

October 11, 2006- United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor, and Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) conducted a site walk-through. In the south building there is evidence of a fire. A local resident stated that the fire occurred approximately one month ago. It was also noted that amount of graffiti located throughout both buildings, and evidence was found of transients living in the north building.

October 16, 2006- U.S. EPA ERRS and START mobilized to the site. ERRS established support facilities, to include the mobile command post. ERRS cleared debris from the staging area located in the north building.

October 17, 2006- ERRS moved small containers and drums to the staging area. ERRS prepared staging area for drum handling for sampling and hazardous categorization.

October 18, 2006-ERRS began removing debris and scraped the floor in the south building. ERRS office trailer and non-hazardous waste roll-off box were delivered.

October 19, 2006- ERRS continued removing debris and scraped the floor in the south building. A backhoe was delivered to help crush empty drums and for soil removal. START collected three disposal samples; one solid sample of soil areas to be excavated and floor scrapings from the south building, one sample, flammable drum waste from drums #5 and #10, and one from the liquid neutral drums and pits located in the south building. These samples were hand delivered by ERRS personnel for disposal criteria.

Planned Removal Actions

- 1) Transport and dispose of drum, pit, small container and non-hazardous waste.
- 2) Power wash areas in north building with lead-based paint.
- 3) Conduct soil removal and backfill excavated areas.

Next Steps

- 1) ERRS to conduct disposal of all waste.
- 2) Excavate contaminated soil areas and backfill.
- 3) Demobilization.

Key Issues

None.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$100,000.00	\$18,565.00	\$81,435.00	81.44%
RST/START	\$18,000.00	\$6,930.00	\$11,070.00	61.50%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$118,000.00	\$25,495.00	\$92,505.00	78.39%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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